

The humble
PETITION
AND
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OF
Both Houses of PARLIAMENT,
With, XIX
PROPOSITIONS,
AND THE
CONCLVSION
Sent unto His MAJESTIE
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THE
Humble Petition of both Houses
OF
PARLIAMENT.

Your Majesties most humble and faithfull Subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament, Having nothing in their thoughts and desires, more precious and of higher esteem (next to the honour and immediate Service of God) then the just and faithfull performance of their duty to Your Majesty, and this Kingdom; And being very sensible of the great distractions and distempers, and of the imminent dangers, and calamities which those distractions and distempers are like to bring upon Your Majesty, and Your Subjects; All which have proceeded from the subtil informations, mischievous practises, and evill Councils of men, disaffected to Gods true Religion, Your Majesties Honour, and safetie, and the publike peace and prosperity of Your People, after a serious observation of the Causes of those mischiefs; Do in all humility, and sincerity, present to Your Majesty, their most dutifull Petition, and Advice, That out of Your Princely Wisdom, for the establishing Your Own Honour, and safety, and Gracious tenderneffe of the Welfare, and Security of Your Subjects, and Dominions. You will be pleased to grant and accept these their humble Desires and Propositions, as the most necessary effectuall Means through Gods blessing of removing those Tealousies, and Differences, which have unhappily fallen betwixt You, and Your People, and procuring both Your Majesty, and them a constant course of Honour, Peace, and Happinesse.



The Propositions.

I.

That the Lords and others of Your Majesties Privy Councell, and such great Officers, and Ministers of State, either at home, or beyond the Seas, may be put from Your Privy Councell, and from those Offices and employments, excepting such as shall be approved of by both Houses of Parliament, And that the Persons put into the places and employment of those that are removed, may be approved of by both Houses of Parliament. And that all Privy Councillors shall take an Oath for the due execution of their places, in such form as shall be agreed upon by both Houses of Parliament.

I I. That the great Affairs of the Kingdom, may not be concluded or transacted by the advice of private men, or by any unknown, or unsworn Councillors, but that such matters as concern the publike, and are proper for the High Court of Parliament, which is Your Majesties great and supream Councell, may be debated, resolved and transacted only in Parliament, and not elsewhere; And such as shall presume to do any thing to the contrary, shall be reserved to the censure and judgement of Parliament, and such other matters of State, as are proper for Your Majesties Privy Councell, shall be debated and concluded by such of the Nobility, and others, as shall from time to time be chosen for that place, by approbation of both Houses of Parliament. And that no publike Act concerning the Affairs of the Kingdom, which are proper for Your Privy Councell, may be esteemed of any Validity, as proceeding from the Royall Authority, unless it be done by the Advice and Consent of the Major part of Your Councell, attested under their hands. And that Your Councell may

be limited to a certain number, not exceeding twenty five, nor under fifteen; And if any Councillors place happen to be void in the intervall of Parliament, it shall not be supplied without the Assent of the Major part of the Councell, which choice shall be confirmed at the next sitting of Parliament, or else to be void.

III. That the Lord high Steward of *England*, Lord high Constable, Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the great Seal, Lord Treasurer, Lord Privy Seal, Earl Marshall, Lord Admirall, Warden of the Cinque-Ports, chief Governour of *Ireland*, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Master of the Wards, Secretaries of State, two chief Justices, and chief Baron may alwayes be chosen with the Approbation of both Houses of Parliament; and in the Intervalls of Parliaments by Assent of the Major part of the Councell, in such manner, as is before exprest in the choice of Councillors.

IV. That he, or they, unto whom the Government, and Education of the Kings Children, shall be committed, shall be approved of by both Houses of Parliament, and in the Intervalls of Parliaments, by the Assent of the Major part of the Councell in such manner, as is before exprest in the choice of Councillors; And that all such Servants, as are now about them, against whom both Houses shall have any just exceptions, shall be removed.

V. That no marriage shall be concluded or treated for any of the Kings Children, with any forraign Prince, or other person whatsoever abroad, or at home, without the consent of Parliament, under the penalty of a premunire unto such as shall be concluded, or treat any marriage, as aforesaid; And that the said penalty shall not be pardoned, or dispenced with, but by the consent of both Houses of Parliament.

VI. That the Laws in force against Jesuites, Priests, and Popish Recusants be strictly put in execution, without any Tolleration, or Dispensation to the contrary; And that some more effectual course may be enacted by Authority of Parliament, to disable them from making any disturbance in the State, or eluding the Law by trusts or otherwise.

VII. That the Votes of Popish Lords in the House of Peers may be taken away, so long as they continue Papists; And that Your Majesty will consent to such a Bill as shall be drawn, for the education of the children of papists by Protestants in the Protestant Religion.

VIII. That Your Majesty will be pleased to consent that such a Reformation be made of the Church Government and Liturgy as both Houses of Parliament shall advise; wherein they intend to have Consultations with Divines, as is expressed in their Declaration to that purpose: And that Your Majesty will contribute Your best Assistance to them, for the raising of a sufficient Maintenance for preaching Ministers thorow the Kingdom; And that Your Majesty will be pleased to give Your Consent to Laws for the taking away of Innovations and Superstition, and of Pluralities, and against scandalous Ministers.

IX. That Your Majesty will be pleased to rest satisfied with that Course that the Lords and Commons have appointed for ordering of the *Militia*, untill the same shall be further settled by a Bill: And that Your Majesty will recall Your Declarations and Proclamations against the Ordinance made by the Lords and Commons concerning it.

X. That such Members of either House of Parliament as have during this present Parliament been put out of any Place and Office, may either be restored to that Place and Office, or otherwise have satisfaction for the same, upon the Petition of that House whereof he or they are Members.

XI. That all Privy Councillors and Judges may take an Oath, the Form whereof to be agreed on, and settled by Act of Parliament, for the maintaining of the Petition of Right, and of certain Statutes made by this Parliament, which shall be mentioned by both Houses of Parliament; And that an inquiry of all the breaches and violations of those Laws may be given in charge by the Justices of the Kings Bench every Term, and by the Judges of Assize in their Circuits, and Justices of the Peace at the Sessions, to be presented and punished according to Law.

XII. That all the Judges, and all the Officers placed by approbation of both Houses of Parliament may hold their places *quam diu bene se gesserint*.

XIII. That the Justice of Parliament may passe upon all delinquents, whether they be within the Kingdom or fled out of it; And that all persons cited by either House of Parliament, may appear, and abide the censure of Parliament.

XIV. That the generall pardon offered by Your Majesty, may be granted

granted with such exceptions as shall be advised by both Houses of Parliament.

X V. That the Forts and Castles of this Kingdom may be put under the command and custody of such persons as Your Majesty shall appoint, with the approbation of Your Parliament, and in the intervals of Parliament, with approbation of the major part of the Courcell, in such manner as is before expressed in the choice of Councillors.

X V I. That the extraordinary Guards, and Military Forces, now attending Your Majesty, may be removed and discharged, and that for the future You will raise no such Guards, or extraordinary Forces, but according to the Law, in case of actuall Rebellion or Invasion.

X V I I. That Your Majesty will be pleased to enter into a more strict Allegiance with the States of the United Provinces, and other Neighbour Princes and States of the protestant Religion, for the defence and maintenance thereof against all designs and Attempts of the pope and his Adherents to subvert and suppress it, whereby Your Majesty will obtain a great access of strength and reputation, and Your subjects be much encouraged and enabled in a Parliamentary way for Your ayd and assistance in restoring Your Royall Sister and her Princely Issue to those Dignities and Dominions which belong unto them, and relieving the other distressed Protestant Princes who have suffered in the same Cause.

X V I I I. That Your Majesty will be pleased by Act of Parliament, to clear the Lord Kymbolson, and the five Members of the House of Commons in such manner, that future Parliaments may be secured from the consequence of that evill president.

X I X. That Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to passe a Bill for restraining Peers made hereafter, from sitting or voting in Parliament, unless they be admitted thereunto with the consent of both Houses of Parliament.

And

And these our Humble Desires being granted by Your Majesty, we shall forthwith apply our selves to Regulate Your present Revenue in such sort, as may be for Your best advantage, and likewise to settle such an ordinary, and constant increase of it, as shall be sufficient to support Your Royall Dignity in honour and plenty, beyond the proportion of any former Grants of the Subjects of this Kingdom to Your Majesties Royall Predecessors. We shall likewise put the Town of ~~Hull~~ into such hands, as Your Majesty shall appoint, with the Consent and Approbation of Parliament, and deliver up a just accompt of all the Magazine, and cheerfully imploy the uttermost of our Power and endeavours in the real expressi- on, and performance of our most dutifull and Loy- all Affections, to the preserving and maintaining the Royall Honour, Greatnesse, and safety of Your Majesty, and Your Posterity.

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